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In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, and 22-23 with the following amended claims 1, 5, 7-10, 12, and 22-23. For convenience, a full set of pending claims is provided.

--1. (Amended) A method of detecting T wave lability in an individual, the method comprising:

obtaining T wave signals representative of electrical activity of the heart of said individual; and

detecting non-alternating beat-to-beat fluctuations in T wave morphology in said signals,

wherein said non-alternating beat-to-beat fluctuations in said T wave morphology is indicative of an individual having T wave lability.--

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising administering a chemical stressor to said individual.

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